



December 15, 2017

Ex Parte Notice

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, December 13, 2017, the undersigned, on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), spoke via telephone with Suzanne Yelen of the Wireline Competition Bureau regarding matters in the above-referenced proceeding. During this conversation, NTCA addressed the need for greater clarity related to the recovery of costs associated with providing voice and/or broadband services via the high-cost universal service fund support mechanisms, particularly under a fixed and insufficient budget for programs.

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. Romano

Michael R. Romano
Senior Vice President –
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cc: Suzanne Yelen